

The Newsletter of the Sinclair Computer User's Society

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MEETINGS FOR APRIL

April 9, 1-3pm, room 119, Titchener Hall, Broome Community College

April 20, 7-9pm, American Legion Post 758, 429 Main Street, Johnson City, NY

MEETING NOTES:

The use of the classroom at BCC in no way implies any connection or endorsement thereof by BCC. The campus is located on Upper Front Street, Binghamton, NY. Titchener Hall is the first building you pass after entering the main entrance. No parking in lots 'B' or 'D'. No smoking or eating in the classroom.

AGENDA: The April 9 meet will be conducted by Dan Dodway, who will be continuing instruction started last month in \$strings. Questions and answer period followed by a swap meet.

The regular monthly meeting for April will be different from our past meets. First, we have upcoming nominations for club officers. According to Doug Hoover, Nominations Committee Chairman, very few are eligible as per our charter. Our first order of business will be to vote on whether or not to suspend the provision of the charter, which states "50% attendance..."and"Active membership on a committee". If passed by the members in attendance, the nominations would be open to just about all members. After this question is settled, nominations for society officers will then be made. Second, the society has been approached by the Binghamton Public Library to assist borrowers of the TS1000 (under a recent computer literacy program). Members of the Executive committee have responded to the request, but for day-time hours, the need for additional society members arises. We will give the BPL a list of members who can be contacted during the hours they are available by the library staff. Either the problem will be stated then or the member will be put in contact with the borrower. We feel that the best form of support will be our meetings, where one on one contact can be made, and the problems solved easier due to shorted lines of communication. Third, and last the development of the society into advanced and beginners groups. It takes much on the part of those who are in the advanced stages of programming and hardware to stop and go back to square one for the beginner. The beginner on the other hand may not understand what to many is even square one, and be turned away from going on. With large meets it is understandable the reluctance to stand up and admit ignorance of a subject. So the last part of our April 20 meeting will be in the form of a very informal meeting, coffee and donuts available, and several areas set up for demonstrating YOUR material. At our March 26 meet at the Vestal Public Library, several of our members showed off their work; a reverse screen converter,

a small character generator, TRS-80 programs converted to Sinclair, and a TRS-80 printer hooked up to a ZX-81 with a full size key board. Hopefully these people will bring their material again to the April 20 meeting, and anyone with hardware or software, home-made or commercial, bring them. At the April 9 meet, contact Paul Hill, if you want special arrangements for your demo, or if you have documentation we'll make copies for handouts.

NEW: Gary Ennis, of Owego will be taking over the newsletter. It isn't a big job for any one person if 2 or 3 help out.

NEXT: We are looking for people who use their computer for accounting or business applications. Contact Paul Hill or Bridget Krmeneč.

AND: A new monthly magazine is looking for subscribers: "timex sinclair user", 12 issues for \$29.95. Address is Timex Sinclair User, 49 La Salle Ave, Buffalo, NY 14217. Tell them you heard of them thru us, and ask for a free cassette video game "Packrabit"

THEN: Brian 'unicorn electronics' Sternburg, Small Mall, is moving to Valley Plaza Drive, Johnson City, this May 16. The site is where the Cablestore used to be. Brian who is a society member has been very supportive of our group in its very infant stages. Best of luck in your new location Brian.

CLS: ORIC I a new British computer yet to land in America will be aiming at the Sinclair market. Computers & Electronics, April 1983 has a small item on it, as does the latest issue of Creative Computing.

TO: The TS2000 will have matchbox size plug in modules for programs called "mini-diskettes" in addition to the standard tape recorder software.

LLIST: March was a busy month for meetings, two at BCC, one at the Legion and one in Vestal. Our membership is at 67. The March 26 meeting was run by Jerry Kendrick and Dick Petrak, and from all reports was very successful. Talks by Bridget Krmeneč, Roger Pufky and Wes Brzozowski were well received. The lack of advanced notice for the March meetings at BCC was the main culprit, with a beautiful spring day coming in second. Hopefully the basis for two levels of group meets can spring from these meetings. The Vestal meet was well attended, any more people showing up would have had to stand out side. Jerry, Wes, Bridget and Dick helped me out tremendously and their work is appreciated. In addition to these meets, the same people meet again for the exec. committee, so that only a few are volunteering over and over again. The society has benefitted greatly from the input of these individuals. We look for more activity in the future from more of our members. At times individuals do come forth and their talents may not be known or where best to use them, but we will get back to you. The donations to the tape swap library are growing, contact Roger Pufky for info, also he has computer grade blank tapes, boxes and labels for sale at cost. Jerry Kendrick has a line on video monitors for an unbelievable low price. See you in April, Best of BUG free programming to you.